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TOWN OF FERGUS

"HOME OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES"

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

February 10, 1984

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a copy of a Town of Fergus By-law 2469 being a by-law to repeal By-law 2311 which designated the exterior stone walls of the "Old Town Hall" pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act.

I trust that this is sufficient for your needs.

Yours truly,

G. B. Woods,
Clerk-Treasurer.

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Encl.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF FERGUS

BY-LAW NUMBER 2469

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By-law No. 2311 which
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stone walls of the "Old
Town Hall"

BY-LAW 2469

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FERGUS

BY-LAW NUMBER 2469

Being a by-law to repeal By-law No.
2311 which designated the exterior
stone walls of the "Old Town Hall"

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of The Town of Fergus enacted a by-law designating the exterior stone walls of the "Old Town Hall" or "Drill Shed" as features of historical and architectural value and interest pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974;


AND WHEREAS consent was given by the present Council of the Town of Fergus to the owners of the said building to demolish same, and the said building has in fact been demolished;

AND WHEREAS section 34(5) of The Ontario Heritage Act requires that Council pass a by-law repealing the former by-law.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Fergus enacts as follows:

1. By-law 2311 is hereby repealed.
2. The Clerk-Treasurer shall forthwith comply with the notice, publication and registration provisions set out in clauses (c) to (f) inclusive of Section 34(5) of The Ontario Heritage Act.
3. This by-law affects the lands and premises described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 6th day of February, 1984



Mayor



Clerk

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 6th day of February, 1984.



Mayor



Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Fergus, in the County of Wellington and being more particularly described as follows:

FIRSTLY: the whole of Lot One (1) on the South side of St. Andrew Street and West of Tower Street according to Registered Plan 77 for the said Town of Fergus.

SECONDLY: Part of Lot Number Two (2) on the South side of St. Andrew Street and West of Tower Street according to Registered Plan 77 for the said Town of Fergus and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING on the Southeasterly limit of St. Andrew Street at the northerly corner of said Lot;

THENCE Southwesterly along the Southeasterly limit of St.

Andrew Street twenty (20) feet to a point;

THENCE Southeasterly parallel with the Northeasterly limit of said Lot Number Two (2) one hundred and thirty-five (135) feet to a point;

THENCE Southwesterly parallel with St. Andrew Street twenty (20) feet to a point;

THENCE Southeasterly parallel with the Northeasterly limit of said Lot Number Two to the top of the bank of the Grand River;

THENCE along the top of the bank of the Grand River against the stream to the easterly corner of said Lot Number Two (2);

THENCE Northwesterly along the northeasterly limit of said Lot Number Two (2) to the place of beginning.

SCHEDULE "B"

The reasons for the designation of the exterior stone walls of the former Drill Hall known as the "Old Town Hall" are as follows:

The Fergus Drill Hall was erected in 1868 to provide a place to train the local militia to withstand the military advances of the Fenians. The building, located close to the Southwest corner of St. Andrew and Tower Streets, was the largest drill hall built in the area.

Known as the Opera House, the building lent itself to a wide variety of public events and activities. Banquets and balls which marked important and significant community occasions were held at the premises, as were political rallies, Lodge dinners, public dances, Sunday School concerts and other Church events, high school exams and graduations, minstrel shows, euchre parties as well as amateur and professional theatrical performances.

Although more popularly known as the "Old Town Hall", no Town offices were located in the building. However, the Town "Lock-up" was housed in the southeast corner for many years. In the 1950's the Town sold the property and it was purchased by the Trustees of Melville United Church in 1957.

The building has several notable features. It forms a part of the streetscape of St. Andrew Street West.

Hammer-dressed limestone was used for the walls.

Dressed-smooth limestone was used for accent trim as the quoins which frame the central doorway and lunette window in the gable of the facade. More decorative masonry was used in the entry porch built later. A carved stone cornice was used and a series of tapered keystones and voussoirs in dressed-smooth limestone create a fan formation framing the semi-circular windows and entry door.

While the architectural design and stone masonry of the building are very much part of the visual quality of the Town, it must be noted that more than any other single property or building, this structure has served for almost a century as a focus for major social activities in the life of the Town of Fergus.